

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

September 28 , 2023

Members of Selectboard present: Val Taylor, Seth Bridge

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer

Visitors present: L. Courcelle, Otter Creek Communication Union District, Brian and Carol Gates, Ryder Paskevich, Andy Cross, Rutland County Sherriff

PEG TV was recording.

V. Taylor called to order at 5:47 PM at the Town Office.

The pledge of allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by V. Taylor to approve the agenda with moving the OCCUD report to the first order of business before Administrative Matters and deleting the approval of the 9/21/23 minutes to the agenda. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Otter Creek Communication Union District Annual Report presented by L. Courcelle. The OCCUD is not funded by the Town of Mendon. Attached is the OCCUD Annual report, FY23 expense report and the FY24 budget.

Administrative Matters

Selectmen's Orders were reviewed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve orders for 9/25/23 for \$1,237.60 and \$49,829.98 and payroll for \$11,549.28. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Motion by V. Taylor to approve 9/11/23 minutes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Grants in Aid FY23 Amendment Motion by V. Taylor moved to approve the time extension amendment for Grants in Aid FY23. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Announcements: Route 4 Scoping Study Alternatives Presentation, October 5th at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission with a remote option. To find the link to this meeting go to www.mendonvt.gov

The Vermont State Police will be closing Route 4 on October 4th between the hours of 10:00 AM-2:00 PM to conduct an investigation. Traffic will be detoured down Park Lane in Mendon and Post Road in Rutland Town to access Route 7.

Public Comment: Oliver Olsen reported to the Selectboard that since the August 4th storm debris has developed east of Deermont Pond on Wheelerville Road. Water levels have increased with a beaver pond.

Business

Grants in Aid FY23 Amendment Motion by V. Taylor moved to approve the time extension amendment for Grants in Aid FY23. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Complaint C. Gates and B. Gates submitted a complaint against Jack Kennelly, Chair of the ZBA of providing legal counsel to the appellants and requested all members of the ZBA be removed from participating in a hearing appealing a building permit for their property on Terra Lane. V. Taylor responded that the Selectboard will go over the details of the complaint. No action taken.

Appointment Long standing members of the ZBA Andy Zak and Mike Curran have stepped down from the ZBA. Jack Kennelly submitted a request to appoint Susannah Loffredo to the ZBA. Motion to appoint Susannah Loffredo to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Flooding Event- update from 8/4 storms The request for a disaster declaration for this time period was approved by the Governor and submitted the request for declaration to the President. The town has been advised by the State of Vermont that a disaster declaration approval could take 4-6 weeks.

Beaver Pond Off Old Turnpike Rd B. Ellis reported the beaver pond at the end of Old Turnpike Road going into Wildcat Road in Chittenden is back again. B. Ellis requested contracting a trapper to remove the beavers. It is a Class 4 road and Mendon is not required to maintain the road, but this road is planned to be used for emergency access for both towns. Motion by V.

Taylor to approve the use of trappers at beaver pond for emergency purposes. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

V. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bridge. The motion passed.

Date Approved _____

Val Taylor

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Seth Bridge